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***“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given:  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”*** (Isaiah 9:6)

Dear Friends and Supporters of St Nicholas!

The year 2022 was filled with lots of life! We celebrated, we received new children into our family and we also had losses. I will introduce the new children to you together with their pictures.



After almost three years of this pandemic we finally have a new volunteer from Germany who will be with us for one year. Former volunteers have returned to visit and we also had donors come and visit again. I was able to be at St. Nicholas for Christmas and New Year's 21/22, then again in July 2022 and now I am getting ready to travel to Tanzania this Christmas.



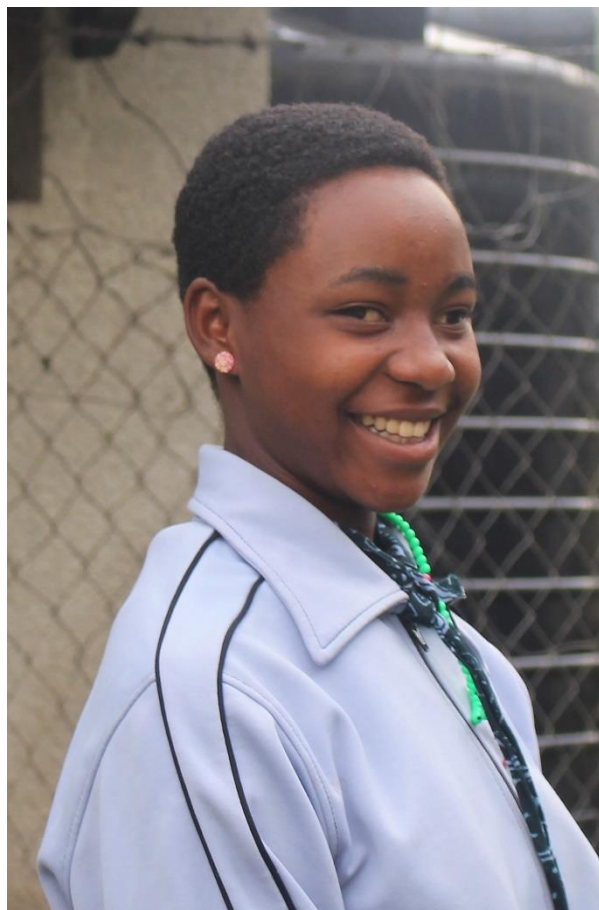
Social Services brought Alicia to us in May. Her mother is very young and has a disability. She has not been able to care for Alicia. Alicia just turned two in November. It took her a little while to get used to her new big family. By now she has conquered every heart!

Johnson joined our family in August. He was lost and because of his mental disability he is not able to tell us about his family and where he is from. We think he is about eight years old. So far we have not been able to find his family.



The police brought Jovieth to us in September. The little girl was malnourished and in poor health. She just turned one year old. We were able to locate her parents. However, Social Services has yet to decide whether she will return to her parents or if she will stay with us.





Sadly we also lost two children this year. Editha was born with multiple severe disabilities and health problems. She lived with us for five years. Since last year her health started to decline. We took her to the doctor and to the hospital many, many times but in the end there was not much else we could do for her. She died in April at the age of 11 years.

The death of Jessica was a great shock to all of us. She was 17 years old. She grew up in a home run by the state. Social Services transferred her to our home three years ago. Jessica had seizures that were very difficult to control. She was on treatment for her condition but in the end there is so little we can do medically in Tanzania. Jessica had just finished school last year and had started vocational training for housekeeping in January 2022. This school was a residential school where Jessica lived. In September we received a phone call from the school telling us that they had found Jessica in the morning. She died at night from a severe seizure. Her sudden death was a shock to all of us, especially to her classmates at school, her peers and all the children and caregivers at St. Nicholas. We can still not grasp the fact that she has passed on. Jessica had made such great progress and was on her way to become a young adult. The picture of her was just taken a few days before her death. We are so sad!





In July we had a big 10-year anniversary celebration which we actually should have had in September 2021. So by now we are looking back with gratitude to 11 years of being the St. Nicholas family.



Kevina, Alicia, Derick and Boniface celebrated their first communion on November 20<sup>th</sup>.





We now have forty-eight children: twenty-two girls and twenty-six boys who are being cared for by twenty-eight staff. Twenty children have disabilities. Thirty-eight kids attend kindergarten, school or vocational training. Two young adults are working already. Eight children do not attend school because of



either their young age or because of their severe disabilities. Fourteen youngster are already above the age of 18.

A new chapter in their lives has started for those young adults. In the beginning of 2022 Joas and

Matungwa have moved out of St. Nicholas. We have rented rooms for them close to their work places. We still help them when they need help but officially they are no longer under our care. This big step into adulthood is coming up for six young men and one young woman in 2023. They have completed their education and job training. Now they will have to learn to care for themselves. We will continue to guide and to accompany them in this process.







Visit from some donors from Germany in November 2022

We thank you with our whole hearts for your faithful continued support. All of us feel the effect of the inflation. In Tanzania too the prices have gone up rapidly. Thanks to your donations we can continue to give the children a home and a good education and we can pay their caregivers a salary that helps them to support their own families.



As every year we have printed a calendar that portrays our children. Please let me know if you would like to have a calendar and I will send you one.

We are wishing you a blessed and peace-filled Advent and Christmas Season,  
God's abundant blessings and good health for the New Year 2023,

Stefanie Köster, the leadership team, caregivers and children

